

News Release

Two International Fulbright Scholars to speak at the U of M Crookston on Thursday, January 29, 2015; Presentations begin at noon in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

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In keeping with the University-wide initiative of internationalizing the campus and curriculum, the University of Minnesota Crookston will host two visiting Fulbright Scholars in January. The Fulbright Fellowship is one of the most prestigious fellowships in the world and on Thursday, January 29, the campus and community are invited to attend presentations by the two during Thursday Commons. The presentations will take place at noon in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. All are invited and there will be no admission charge.

The presentations will be an opportunity to learn more about the history and culture of both Cameroon and Macedonia, along with the chance to ask questions of these two scholars.

Kennedy D. Nyongbela, will speak on the "The Bali Nyonga people of Cameroon: History and Culture." He is a senior lecturer/research chemist in the Faculty of Science at the University of Buea, Cameroon. Nyongbela obtained the doctorate degree from the University of Buea, Cameroon in 2011. His research interests include drug discovery and development from Cameroonian medicinal plants, synthetic organic chemistry and formulation of of chemical weapons. He is a visiting Fulbright scholar and currently pursuing research in the laboratory of Professor Thomas Hoye at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

He will give a second lecture titled 'Chemistry of Medicinal Plants' On January 30, at the University of Minnesota Crookston, Dowell Hall 208 from 11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. All are welcome. This lecture will be repeated at White Earth Tribal and Community College, Mahnomen at 3 p.m. on January 30.

Tatjana Ruskovska, will speak on "Fulbright International Education Exchange: Fostering Science and Mutual Understanding between Nations and Cultures." She is Associate Professor of Clinical Chemistry and Biochemistry at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, Goce Delcev University in Stip, Republic of Macedonia. Rushkovska completed her higher education, including her doctorate degree, at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Institute of Biology, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia. She was working as a clinical chemist in the Central Clinical Laboratory at Military Hospital in Skopje for 16 years, 7 of which as a Head of the Laboratory. In 2010 Dr. Tatjana Rushkovska joined Goce Delcev University in Stip where she started her academic career. At the moment, as a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Rushkovska is appointed as a Visiting Professor in the Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics at the University of Minnesota, in the laboratory of David Bernlohr, where she is working on her research project focused on the role of the white adipose tissue in obesity induced insulin resistance.

This lecture will be repeated on January 30 at 3 p.m. at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

For more information on the presentations at the U of M Crookston, contact Venu Mukku, associate professor in Math, Science, and Technology Department, at 218-281-8097.

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